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# The mother of all festivals

## Excitement builds ahead of the third annual MAMA Fest

By **JOHN McCALLUM**

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EXCITEMENT is building for a weekend of top quality music from across Argyll, as Mid Argyll Music and Arts (MAMA) Festival kicks off in Lochgilphead.

Starting tonight (Friday) in a new venue, the town's Argyll Inn the three-day festival labelled 'The Art of the Possible', promises to showcase a mix of traditional and contemporary music.

Liz Miller, chairwoman of the MAMA Fest organising committee, said: 'This weekend there will be a range of music on show at the festival, something for everyone.'

'Despite the difficulties we faced recently

in putting on the festival at all, now we are going ahead we can focus on the quality of music from across Argyll that will be on show. The overwhelming support we have enjoyed has, of course, helped make it happen.'

'Tonight (Friday) sees Ceilidh's Homet play and they are sure to get people dancing – they are a lot of fun. They are joined by two more quality acts, MAMA Fest debutants Tucker and Carroll and the Rusty Mustangs. It should be a great opening night.'

Saturday's soiree from 6.30pm-1am features fellow debutants Shoosh Kebab, along with The Lush Puppies, None the Wiser



**Wayne Dixon is accompanied by his handsome canine companion, Koda. Koda's wolf-like appearance belies a playful nature, and the bond between them is strong. When you are travelling 6,000 miles together, it has to be. See page 12.** 06\_c36littertrek02

and Neil Parkinson. After two evenings of fun and live music, the festival's closing day will be more relaxed.

'Sunday will be a more chilled-out affair, and although

we are disappointed not to be able to offer a family day and activities for the kids this year, there will still be a family-friendly atmosphere on the day.

'This is our third

year running the festival and with quality Argyll acts such as Archie McAllister & Co from Kintyre playing, we are making a real commitment to showcasing the best talent Argyll has to

offer, with a platform for a variety of artists from different genres.

'It is exciting to have several bands making debuts at the festival, across all three days. It adds a new aspect to the festival.'

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### Tenant pleads for dry home

A LOCHGILPHEAD grandmother is living in a flat riddled with damp – despite repeated appeals for action.

Full story, page three.

### Honours for war memorials

TWO Inveraray war memorials have won national awards from the Royal British Legion Scotland.

Full story, page four.

### Oil slick at Crinan Basin

CONCERNS have been raised after waters at the Crinan Basin were contaminated last month by oil.

Full story, page seven.

### Princess Royal visits Argyll

ARGYLL residents will have a chance to meet the Princess Royal when she visits Lochgilphead next week.

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# All set for return of MAMA Fest

## From page one

Mrs Miller explained how the committee would soon be looking ahead to year four's line-up, growing the festival and keeping all music tastes happy.

'Feedback from the public is always welcome. It allows us to look at what people might like to see the next year, as we are determined to make MAMA Fest bigger and better year on year.

'It is the only event of its kind in Mid Argyll so it is something that has huge potential to grow. This is the heart of Argyll and so it can surely be a natural place for

Argyll's musicians to converge.'

Mrs Miller said the committee was grateful to the Argyll Inn for agreeing to stage the event only weeks after taking over the business.

She added: 'Blair and Steesh from the Argyll Inn have been brilliant. They had not long taken over when they were approached but they jumped at the opportunity, which we really appreciate.'

Excitingly, an autumn music showcase could spawn from the main MAMA Fest to attract more burgeoning

Argyll talent to produce music.

Mrs Miller explained: 'We are hoping to create something called O-MAMA Fest – the O meaning original – encouraging artists creating their own music to get involved.

'This is still at an early stage but we hope to develop the idea into an event, possibly to be held later in the year.'

Tickets are priced at £10 for Friday and Saturday evenings, with the Sunday line-up free. Tickets are available from Riverside Garage or visit mamafest.co.uk.



The Lush Puppies return to MAMA Fest tomorrow (Saturday).

## Police files

### Three injured

THREE people were left injured and the road blocked last Thursday afternoon when two vehicles collided on the A83 near Lochgair. A 37-year-old man was charged with dangerous driving. A report has been

sent to the procurator fiscal.

### Scratched cars

A CAR parked in Church Square, Inveraray, was vandalised between 3.30pm on Tuesday August 16 and 9am on Thursday August 25. The blue Volkswagen Polo had

scratched paintwork. Police are also investigating after another car was vandalised last Thursday in Dun Mor Avenue, Lochgilphead.

### Drug warning

TWO men were warned in Lochgilphead last Thursday for possession of a small

amount of cannabis. The men, aged 22 and 19, were stopped in the town's Paterson Street.

### Traffic offences

A 25-YEAR-old man was stopped by police in Inveraray last Tuesday for speeding and given a £100 fine and three penalty points.

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Ruth Mary Semple recently graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Bachelor of Education (Hons) in Physical Education. Ruth is the youngest daughter of Jim and Fiona, Dalbhraddan Farm, Southend and a former pupil of Campbeltown Grammar School. Ruth is currently a probationer P.E. teacher at Arbroath Academy, Angus.

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# Stop this rot, tenant pleads

by John McCallum  
 editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

A GRANDMOTHER fears damp problems in her Lochgilphead home could be harming her family's health. Margaret Walker, who has lived in her ground-floor property on Union Terrace for almost a year, says her ACHA-owned home is not fit to live in until the gathering moisture around her house is dealt with.

Mrs Walker, 63, who is a volunteer in Mary's Meals' local shop, said: 'Since we moved in last September, there has been dampness creeping in across the house.

'My living room has had the worst of it, with water running in through the walls. The plaster has been taken away and there is only brickwork between the living room and outside.

'During the winter, rain found its way in through the wall and ran along the skirting. It has been horrendous.

'After one year in the flat, all that has been done has been to take cuttings out of the front of the house and drilling holes, apparently to let any water find its way out. That was because some of the water may be finding its way in due to slates missing on the roof.

'It's just a mess. I complained to ACHA who said work to fix the problems would be completed during the summer, but that is nearly gone.'

Mrs Walker says the living room is not the only problem area in the house.

'In the kitchen, there was even stagnant water collecting in the cover of the kitchen ceiling light, which created a disgusting smell. Even worse, moisture gathers in the bedrooms, in the ceiling corners and on the walls, so you are also sleeping in a damp environment.

'My 15-year-old grandson has asthma and has been taking chest infections so it is about my family's health, not just having a dry home.

'I hope ACHA will fix these problems soon, or ultimately find us another property that is dry and fit to live in.'

An ACHA spokesman said: 'The association has carried out work to the property to replace the cavity wall insulation as it had been compromised and was contributing towards dampness within the property.

'There has been some extra work required to



Margaret Walker's home has been plagued by dampness and water running into her home. 06\_c36housing01; Moisture staining a bedroom ceiling. 06\_c36housing03; and, below, holes where some of the cavity wall insulation has been removed. 06\_c36housing02



ensure that the old cavity wall insulation was removed completely. The association wanted to ensure this work was successful before taking forward the remaining works.

'With respect to the next steps, a further course of work has been agreed with our contractor. We removed damp plaster from the internal living room wall to allow better examination and a better finish when replastering. Now we can

start to take forward the internal work. There is also work to the roof and chimney planned which is due to start next week.

'All internal works are programmed to be completed by the end of September. We have been keeping our tenant updated with the process and will continue to do so.'

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# Prizes at the double as Inveraray secures gold for war memorials

TWO Inveraray war memorials have proved national standard bearers after winning awards from the Royal British Legion Scotland.

Argyll Caravan Park's war memorial was named 'best satellite war memorial with gardens' by the veterans' organisation, while the main war memorial in Inveraray won the 'best small community with gardens' category bringing two of the seven categories on offer back to the area.

Representatives from the Legion Scotland Inveraray branch will receive their trophies, on behalf of all



**Inveraray War Memorial, above, won the award for best small community war memorial with gardens, while Argyll Caravan Park, inset, won best satellite war memorial with gardens.**

its members, at a ceremony in Edinburgh on Friday September 9.

Royal British Legion Scotland has run the awards for more

than 40 years as part of its remembrance programme.

Ian Campbell, branch chairman, said: 'I am totally delighted by

this news. We have won separately with the memorials on different occasions before, but never together in the same year.



'It really is gratifying to receive the recognition, but it is all down to the tireless efforts and dedication of the local community. I want to thank our members and everyone else who has contributed and supported our branch since it was restarted nine years ago.

'The war memorials are a fitting tribute to the local service-

men and women who gave their lives for our country, and it is important that we ensure they are looked after and well kept.'

Kevin Gray MM, chief executive officer Legion Scotland said: 'We always get a fantastic response from our local branches, such as Inveraray and Argyll Caravan Park, for the Best Kept War Memorial campaign, and this year was no different. Remembrance is at the heart of what we do and war memorials are an important aspect of this.'

Mr Campbell added: 'Our next branch meeting is on Satur-

day September 3 in Skippers Bistro, Argyll Caravan Park, at 11am, followed by our sponsored Tartan Walk from Furnace to Inveraray to raise funds for the branch. It leaves Furnace at 2pm and all ages are welcome. There is also a shorter walk from Argyll Caravan Park to Inveraray, and sponsor forms are available from Tracy McCulloch or Ian Lindsay.

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# Kids' charity given a boost by Crerar Hotels

A CHARITY helping children in Argyll and Bute has been given a big lift by the owners of Inveraray's Loch Fyne Hotel.

Crerar Hotels, through its charitable trust, handed over £15,000 to Children 1st - formerly known as the RSSPCC (Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children).

Receiving the cheque from Loch Fyne Hotel general manager Marc Gardner, Ruth Ritchie, Children 1st service manager for the Argyll and Bute, said: 'This very generous donation from Crerar Hotels Trust is invaluable to our abuse and

trauma service in Argyll and Bute.

'We work with children who have experienced trauma or sexual abuse and the one-to-one support we offer helps them and their families recover and rebuild their lives, enabling the child to go on to have a healthy and happy childhood.

### Generosity

'We could not do this without the generosity of people and organisations like the Crerar Hotels Trust.'

Children 1st traces its origins back to 1884 and for many years were known as the RSSPCC (Royal Scottish Society for

the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). The charity became Children 1st in 1995 to emphasise that children are at the heart of everything it does.

The donation will help fund the care and ongoing support of 40 abused children from around Argyll and Bute.

Chairman of Crerar Hotels Trust Paddy Crerar said: 'Supporting vulnerable children in our communities is a key priority for the trust. The work Children 1st is doing to offer support is so admirable, and very much vital for the future of these communities.'



Children 1st service manager for Argyll and Bute Ruth Ritchie receives the donation from Loch Fyne Hotel general manager Marc Gardner.

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## Wayne's worldview is well worth noting

**RAMBLER** Wayne Dixon's walk from his home county of Lancashire around the coastline of Great Britain saw him reach Mid Argyll this week.

His mission is not only to conquer Britain's coastal expanse – something he reckons fewer than 50 people may have achieved – in honour of his late father, with whom he took on many a challenging walk, but to show the environmental impact we are having on the countryside by cleaning up conscientiously as he goes.

Wayne described picking up bagfuls of rubbish on the coastal stretch of the A83 between Furnace and Lochgair alone. It is not unreasonable to expect him to find more where the coastline lies close to a road or to busy maritime traffic.

With a powerhouse tourist industry in Argyll and the Islands, and a sublime array of wildlife on show in the air, on land and out at sea, it is so important to consider the damaging impact chucking even one wrapper or bottle from your car or boat may have on the natural environment.

An Australian study released last year found that almost nine out of 10 of the world's seabirds may have traces of plastic in their guts as a result of man-made waste products.

Wayne must feel like a man swimming against a ferocious tide, such is the extent of the litter washed up on some of our most beautiful coastal climes, but his statement should make us think about our own responsibility to protect this uniquely beautiful pocket of Britain's 6,000-mile coastal stretch.

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## School librarians: an author's view

*Award-winning author Theresa Breslin has written to every Argyll and Bute councillor formally requesting they pass a motion to reinstate all school librarian posts in Argyll and Bute.*

*The decision to remove school librarians was taken at the February council budget meeting following the 'Service Choices' process by which the authority decided upon which services to save and which to cut.*

*Her letter is as follows:*

Dear councillor,

I am writing to you again on behalf of Argyll and Bute school pupils who asked for my support in their protest against the deletion of the posts of school librarians within their secondary schools.

In addition to the information which I sent you previously re the crucial role of the school librarian, I would also like to make you aware of recent events regarding reading initiatives involving school pupils.

The First Minister's 'Reading Challenge' has just been launched, on August 19. It mentions 'the excellent work going on in schools and communities'.

Learning and Teaching Scotland is rolling out the 'Scotland Reads' programme which includes promoting 'Book Buddies' where senior pupils

mentor younger ones. Combined with the case made by a number of other groups including the Literature Alliance Scotland - and most especially the points made by the pupils themselves, who will shortly be future voters - I propose that the above constitutes a material and distinct change to the evidence upon which the original decision was made.

I note also that Argyll and Bute is offering incentives to young families to become residents.

Deleting posts which provide a key component of education undermines this initiative. School provision is a high priority when parents consider relocating.

Argyll and Bute could become the only authority in Scotland failing to provide a dedicated library service within its secondary schools.

Perhaps some of this money could be allocated to fund the posts?

I would like to officially progress this matter and so I am formally requesting that a full council meeting is convened immediately and that this evidence, and all previous correspondence from all sources, be presented to the councillors with a motion to reverse the decision and reinstate the posts of secondary school librarians.

**Theresa Breslin, Carnegie medal winning author, 2016 president of CILIPS (Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals in Scotland).**

## Fabulous fun for all in Ford

Sir,  
On Saturday August 20 a steady stream of visitors and Ford locals sampled the delights on offer – from homemade produce, soaps, jewellery and crafts to interactive fleece-weaving and educational stalls on trees and wildlife.

A mega raffle, whisky chart and – adding to the creativity – guess the weight of the fish cake, contributed to a record £1,220 raised for renovations to the village hall. These plans, which were on display throughout the day and evening, received very favourable responses.

Our highly polished line dancers demonstrated how we combine all-age keep fit in Ford with leisure and pleasure.

Venison burgers and locally gifted salmon from Murray's Smokery at the barbeque, along with tea and home made cakes, sustained us until the pub popped up for an evening's relaxation, where curries and chillies were served and young and old joined in for more free-style dancing.

The excitement and number of children who engaged in the art workshop and treasure hunt at Ford House gave encouraging signs for the future.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2016 Ford fun day.

**Andrew Morgan, chairman, Ford Village Hall Ltd.**

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# 'No silver bullet' as council sick days increase

ARGYLL and Bute Council faces a challenge in meeting its target to reduce absence due to sick leave, as new figures reveal a rise in the number of sick days by staff in the spring of this year.

The council has a

target of reducing absence by six per cent this year, but between April and June the average number of days lost per full-time worker was 2.57, compared to 2.48 days lost in the same period last year.

In a report to Argyll

and Bute Council's performance review and scrutiny committee, Jane Fowler, head of HR at the authority, said the main reason for absence was stress or related issues, involved in 29 per cent of cases.

In pure cash terms,

the cost of sick pay over this quarter was £771,814, representing a £19,000 fall in comparison to the previous year.

Addressing the committee, Ms Fowler acknowledged that while stress continues to be a major factor, staff are

trained in stress management. She went on to say that while short-term absences linked to stress are going up, there has been a reduction in long-term stress absence.

Outlining a range of initiatives run by the council to help staff

deal with the issue, Ms Fowler added: 'We are very aware of need for early referral for occupational health support and we are doing a lot to tackle stress; we take it very seriously and are always looking to best practice elsewhere.'

Asked by Councillor Gordon Blair why 'it was not working', she replied: 'There is no silver bullet, and we need a greater focus on wellbeing and to have better conversations and increased confidence to discuss these issues.'



A diesel spill occurred on the Crinan Basin last month, which Scottish Canals said had been 'contained'. 06\_c36contam01

## Contamination fears at Crinan

by Colin Cameron  
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CONCERNS have been raised after a contaminant was found in water at Crinan Basin, near the mouth of 'Britain's most beautiful shortcut' – the Crinan Canal.

The incident is thought to have happened on the evening of Wednesday August 17. A floating boom was deployed by Scottish Canals staff in an

attempt to stop the pollution from spreading.

The circumstances are being investigated by Scottish Canals and the identity of the contaminant is not yet known.

A spokesperson for Scottish Canals said: 'A diesel spill was discovered on Thursday August 18 and it is thought the spill occurred the same day.

The local team managed to contain the spill in one area of the basin and recover a small amount.

'Scottish Canals called in responders to recover the remaining diesel and the spill was contained.'

'On the day the spillage occurred both SEPA and MCA were informed by Scottish Canals. SEPA and MCA will now investigate as they consider appropriate.'

## Watchdog chairman irked by lack of healthcare detail

A NEW health and social care partnership has come under fire after failing to provide figures to a watchdog council committee.

Ian Ross, who chairs Argyll and Bute Council's performance review and scrutiny committee, expressed annoyance over the absence of performance figures on the recently-created Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership.

Responsibility for scrutinising the partnership's performance lies, he said, with his committee and he expressed concern at this delay in information.

Speaking at last week's meeting of the performance review and scrutiny committee, Mr Ross said: 'I am more than annoyed that we are not getting a glimpse of what is going on.'

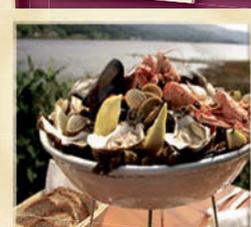
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# Argyll MSP to join Brexit negotiations

Veteran MSP Michael Russell speaks to *The Argyllshire Advertiser* about his appointment as the Scottish Government's minister for UK talks on Scotland's place in Europe following the Brexit vote

JUST two weeks ago I spent an hour at SAMS at Dunstaffnage talking about Brexit.

I had been invited by concerned staff members because SAMS, like many highly regarded academic and research institutions, relies heavily on a free flow of ideas, money and personnel from Europe. Everyone involved – researchers, students and teachers – wants and needs all this vital work to continue.

Membership of the EU over the past 40 years has made such collaboration absolutely normal and increasingly convenient. It has also, of course, contributed to even greater excellence and to the development of world-class science which is of huge practical benefit to our country and planet.

SAMS is also a very important part of the economy of Argyll and particularly in Oban and Lorn. It underpins the ambition to make Oban a university town and to help increase the population. Now, however, there is huge uncertainty.

The EU referendum resulted in England and Wales voting to leave the EU (though Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain within it) which has created a climate of insecurity and confusion, with little or no infor-



The First Minister with veteran Argyll MSP Michael Russell.

mation coming from those who created the problem.

Subsequent vague promises made by the UK Government about higher education funding and some farm incomes fall far short of what people need just in order to go on doing their jobs.

I promised to come back to SAMS at some stage in October and in the meantime to try and find out what might be possible.

I had not expected, however, to be thrust so quickly into the heart of that issue and to find myself, only days later, accepting an invitation from the First Minister to become the Scottish Government's minister for UK negotiations on Scotland's place in Europe.

SAMS presents a particularly urgent prob-

lem. When I was there one member of staff asked me bluntly if she should bother to start the process of developing a complex funding application given that it covered a period of five years – well beyond what the UK Government is claiming will be the total time taken to leave Europe. I think she should fill in the forms.

For a start, the First Minister has made it very clear that Scotland, having voted to remain, must not be disadvantaged by whatever England decides to do. While the new UK government has dithered, Nicola Sturgeon has acted.

Within days she had set up a Standing Council on Europe with the participation of many of the key players and most knowledgeable in-

dividuals. She has offered strong reassurance to EU nationals living here, something I echoed in a letter to every EU national on the electoral role in the constituency.

There are more than 1,000 European citizens contributing to our communities and the free movement of labour – one of the key four freedoms that underpin the European Single Market – is economically and culturally crucial for Argyll and Bute. The first minister has met with politicians across the UK and Europe and has laid out five tests by which any eventual solution for Scotland has to be judged – those being the protection of our democratic and economic interests, continuing social protection and solidarity through

pan-EU cooperation and on-going influence on EU laws and policies.

Here in Argyll and Bute farming and crofting rely heavily on financial support from the EU and the growingly important food industries need access to European markets, including our whisky industry. Even in fishing, perhaps the area locally where there has been most hostility to European regulation, there are lots of unanswered questions about what Brexit will actually mean.

Many are beginning to realise that there are no guarantees from Westminster no matter what was said in the campaign.

Our environment has been massively improved by European action and although that is sometimes cumbersome – as I know having been environment minister – it has led to cleaner seas and better protection for species that would have probably have disappeared without it. And, of course, our

reputation as a wonderful and welcoming place, which is vital to our tourism sector, has to be jealously guarded.

There is urgent work to be done to ensure that we all understand what is at stake and to make sure we can secure the very best from the present situation, which was not of our making.

That is what I am now tasked to do and I want to secure it for the whole of Scotland but, of course, also for Argyll and Bute.

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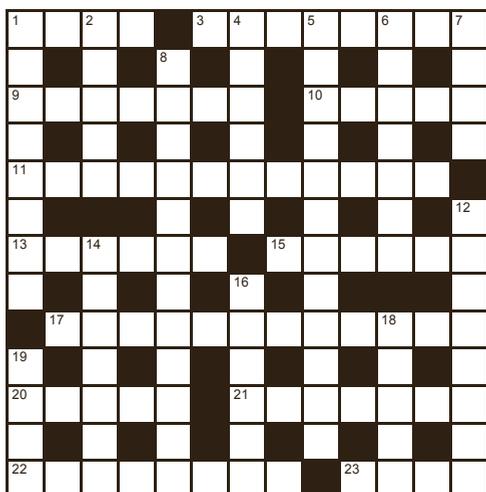
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- 23 Those people (4)

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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



# Wayne walks for a world without litter

WAYNE DIXON is on a 6,000-mile, one-man mission to keep Britain tidy, writes Colin Cameron.

The mysterious appearance in recent weeks of filled waste bags neatly tied up and left by the roadsides in Argyll is the work of this 44-year-old Lancastrian.

Angered and frustrated by the state of the environment around his home town of Blackburn, Wayne set off from the port of Fleetwood on February 1 to walk the coast of Britain – a long-held ambition – picking up litter as he goes.

Seven months and more than 1,000 miles later, he is in Argyll, accompanied by his handsome canine



Wayne, Koda and Blair Johnston of the Argyll Inn, Lochgilphead, who offered him accommodation while in Mid Argyll. 06\_c36littertrek04

companion, Koda, a four-year-old Northern Inuit. Koda's wolf-like appearance belies a playful nature, and the bond between man and dog is strong. Regularly camping beside the highways and byways on his trek, having a 'wolf' for company is no bad thing.

As the prospect looms of a winter spent in Scotland, it is the hospitality of the folk he has met along the way that has stunned Wayne. Wherever he and Koda have gone across Argyll he has been met with warmth and kindness. Wayne said: 'I have

faith in the Scottish people. I'm seeing their kindness and hospitality first hand – it's amazing and I am making some really good contacts. The people of Argyll are being amazing.' From Inveraray to Lochgilphead, and Tarbert to Campbel-

town, people are fascinated by his story and are keen to help.

Wayne's walk is about more than litter picking – he is raising money for two good causes; mental health charity Mind and Northern Inuit Rescue.

'I generally manage around two to six bin bags full of rubbish every day,' he explained, 'but I filled five full bags on the A83 between Furnace and Lochgair alone.'

'This area has a real problem with rubbish on the roadsides, particularly plastic bottles and food wrappers. I want to encourage people to take responsibility and pick it up, or dispose of waste responsibly.'



## Hotel scoops double award

A TARBERT hotel is celebrating after winning two top honours at the Food Awards Scotland.

The Stonefield Castle Hotel was crowned the overall Hotel Restaurant of the Year after scooping the Central award at the event, which was held in Glasgow on August 15.

The event celebrated and rewarded the very best in the Scottish food industry. Based on a public vote, the awards commend the talented individuals and businesses dedicated to delivering constant professional-

ism, amazing service and fantastic food to their customers.

Irfan Younis, of event organisers Creative Oceanic, commented: 'This is the third time that this ceremony has taken place in Scotland and it was amazing to see so many people come out to support the nominees.'

'The food industry is showing great signs of growth in Scotland, with some amazing food places being opened throughout the country over this past year. Congratulations to all the finalists and winners.'



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Johanna Urquhart, principal, stated: 'I am delighted for the whole school community. Pupils and staff have worked really hard to achieve these outstanding results. They are even more pleasing given that Lomond is not academically selective. Our ethos is one of high expectation and individualised support. It is very satisfying that our rich and diverse curriculum

and focus on transferable skills and learning for life has paid such positive dividends. We will continue to build on these excellent results.'

Lomond School takes great pride in offering the scope and choice for their young people to develop as individuals, not just as university applicants. This model also ensures greater success in the crucial S6 year, because, should the young people wish, three new subjects are options to pick up again at Higher. Oban's own Orla Sedgwick is the recipient of a Silver Academic Tie, having achieved at least six A grades at National 5.

'To receive a Silver Academic Tie feels like a great achievement,' Orla said. 'All the work over the past two



Orla studies hard, asks for help when she needs it and follows the guidance given to her. Orla has really thrived in the boarding environment and makes the most of the extra evening tuition and access to the teachers onsite. She is a credit to the school and we are all very proud of her and her achievements.



Orla was one of the Silver Academic Tie winners.

years and support from the school, friends and family has paid off. Lomond School has definitely helped me focus and given me the confidence and opportunities with extra classes and willing teachers to achieve the grades I wanted. I enjoy being a pupil at Lomond due to the warm and friendly atmosphere at both the school and the boarding house. The support and encouragement I have been given right from the start has benefitted me greatly.'

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## Hotline launched to combat ongoing food crimes

MEAT eaters in Mid Argyll worried about the traceability of their food will soon have all the answers with the start of Scotland's first food crime hotline.

The initiative, jointly run by Food Standards Scotland (FSS) and Crimestoppers, gives members of the public and the food industry a dedicated telephone line to anonymously report any food crime suspicions.

The freephone number will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Those concerned can post via a non-traceable online form. Food crime relates to a deliberate manipulation, mislabelling substitution, or

instance of fraud in relation to food.

The new initiative, which has its roots in the 2013 horsemeat scandal, means the FSS Scottish Food Crime and Incidents Unit can target food crimes costing the UK food and drink industry an estimated £1.17 billion every year.

Geoff Ogle, Food Standards Scotland chief executive, said: 'The launch of the hotline is one of several steps FSS is taking to address the problem in Scotland. We hope it will raise awareness of the issue of food crime, and give consumers a trusted point of contact to report concerns in complete anonymity.'

Allan Bowie, NFU Scotland president, said: 'Farmers, crofters and growers in Scotland consistently work hard to produce high-quality, safe food. This new helpline will help identify unscrupulous operators who allow unsafe, untraceable food to enter the food chain.'

'The market for illicit food has meant farmers, crofters and consumers have been impacted by the likes of the horsemeat contamination scandal and illegal animal rustling in recent years, and we welcome any progress that can be made to combat this through the food crime new helpline.'

The hotline number is 0800 028 7926.



Food Standards Scotland hopes to sniff out suspicious meat products with the help of a new hotline.

## Islay market report

MORE than 2,000 cattle and sheep were sold at Islay Auction Mart last Friday when United Auctions held its annual show.

Judging the various classes in the cattle section was George McFadzean, Woodhead of Mailer, Perth.

Champion was a Blonde Cross Bullock consigned by M/s Epps, Ardnave which later fetched £1,220. The reserve place went to M/s McMillan, Ardbeg, a Limousin Cross Bullock which sold for £1,225.

Bullocks sold to average £905.52 per head or 235.37 pence per kilo against £954.26 or 237.13 last year. Heifers averaged £844.84 per head or 230.48 against £859.29 or 223.53 last year. Cattle in general were lighter on the year.

Principal lots and prices - top bullocks per head: AAx: £925 - Claggan: £915(2) - Tallant and Lorgba. BAX: £1220 - Ardnave. CHARx: £985(4) - Tallant: £965 and £955 - Claggan.

LIMx: £1,225(2) - Ardbeg: £1,175 - Claggan: £1,115(2) - Ardbeg: £1,095, £1,050 - Blackrock: £1,055 - Kilchiaran: £1,045 - Ardbeg: £1,035 (3) and £1,025(2) - Kilchiaran: £1,025 - Ardbeg (11) and Ballimartin (4): £995 - Neriby and Ballimartin: £985 - Lossit and Kilchiaran(3). SIMx: £715(6) - Kinnabus Estate. Heifers: BAX: £745 - Ardnave. CHARx: £955 (3) - Tallant: £895 - Claggan.

LIMx: £1,025(2) - Kilchiaran: £1,005(3) - Ballimartin: £935 - Kilchiaran, Ardbeg and Blackrock: £925 - Ardbeg(11) and Ballimartin: £915 - Kilchiaran, Ardbeg(4), Claggan and

Neriby(3).

Top prices per kilo: AAx: 246p and 232p(2) - Tallant: 223p(2) - Ballinaby. BAX: 263p - Ardnave. CHARx: 264p and 259p(4) - Tallant: 258p(3), 257p(2) and 255p(6) - Ballinaby.

LIMx: 269p(2) - Claggan: 262p - Blackrock: 261p - Kilchiaran: 259p(3) - Ardbeg: 254p(5) - Blackrock: 253p Claggan: 252p(8) - Ardbeg: 245p(3) and 244p(7) - Ballimartin: 243p - Claggan: 242p - Ardbeg: 240p - Claggan(3), Blackrock(4) and Starchmill(2): 239p(4) - Starchmill: 237p - Claggan(3), Blackrock and Neriby: 236p - Neriby(3), Kilchiaran(2) and Ardbeg(2): 235p(7) - Ballimartin: 234p(2) - Lossit: 233p(2) and 232p(3) - Claggan: 232p - Blackrock(3) and Kilchiaran(3): 231p - Ballimartin(4) and Claggan (2): 230p - Ardbeg (2) and Claggan (4).

Heifers: BAX: 234p - Ardnave. CHARx: 252p(4) - Tallant: 241p - Claggan: 239p(3) - Tallant: 232p(4) - Ballinaby. LIMx: 246p - Blackrock: 244p(2) and 241p - Claggan: 240p(4) - Ardbeg: 237p(2) - Kilchiaran: 235p - Ardbeg(3) and Ardnave: 232p(8) - Ardbeg: 231p - Ballimartin(3), Ardbeg(4) and Tallant: 230p - Ardbeg, Lossit(2) and Claggan(5): 229p(2) - Ballimartin: 227p - Neriby(3), Blackrock(3), Ardbeg(2) and Kilchiaran: 226p(3) - Ballimartin: 225p - Lossit. In the sheep section, also held last Friday, a good following of mainland buyers ensured all stock was cleared at satisfactory levels to sellers. Lambs averaged £60.33 per head or 165.17 pence per kilo against £49.52 per head or 138.88 pence per kilo at the corresponding sale last year.

Principal lots and prices - top prices per head - lambs: SUFFx: £73.50 - Coull (A Jones): £73.00 - Coull: £69.50 - Claggan and 16 Westend: £66.00 and £65.50 - Octofad: £65.00 - Smaladh, Ballachlaven and Octofad: £64.50 - Claggan, Octofad and Blackrock: £64.00 - Ardbeg and Octofad: £63.50 - Coull and Smaladh: £63.00 - Ballachlaven: £62.50 - 16 Westend and Claggan: £62.00 and £61.50 - Islay Estates: £61.50 - Coille and Coull (A Jones): £61.00 - Octofad: £60.00 - Octofad and Ballachlaven.

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## Depopulation goes on

THE NUMBER of people living in Argyll and Bute fell by almost one per cent during the past year, a report has announced.

Inverness-based MacKay Consultants reported that 760 people have left the region since July 2015, a 0.9 per cent decrease in the Argyll and Bute population.

Meanwhile, a social enterprise which helped 160 people in the region aged 16-24 gain work and qualifications in the past year, including in Lochgilphead, could close its doors by the end of September.

Two of its five offices have already closed, in Campbeltown and Rothesay, with its 16 remaining employees subject to salary reductions and 90 days' notice of redundancy.

# No horsing around on army recruitment drive

TERRITORIAL Army (TA) officers are touring Argyll and the islands this month as part of an autumn recruitment drive - and have taken their regimental mascot with them to spread the word. Shetland pony Cruachan IV, mascot of the Royal Regiment

of Scotland, and previously the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was with members of the 51st Highland battalion (7 Scots) last Thursday in the Lochgilphead drill hall, where they announced recruitment days to be held in the town, on Thursday and Friday September 15 and 16.

Warrant officer Lachie McDowall said: 'We are trying to raise awareness of what we do, and generate interest in the TA in an area where numbers have waned in recent years, but where there was a lot of interest in the past in the platoon, from here in Mid Argyll and into Kintyre.'



Receiving a sip of 'beer' from the Duke of Argyll in Oban last Thursday.

'Our current reservists are on a training camp in Croatia, one of several overseas trips for them. The minimum commitment is 27 days.'

Cruachan IV has worked up a thirst on his travels; he was pictured sipping 'beer' from the Duke of Argyll at last Thursday's Argyllshire Gathering.



Colour sergeant Gary Simpson, left, with regimental mascot Cruachan IV, and warrant officer second class Lachie McDowall, right.

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# The Princess Royal to visit Lochgilphead

MID Argyll residents will have a chance to meet royalty next week when HRH the Princess Royal visits Lochgilphead, writes John McCallum.

The Princess Royal will first head to the Riverside Rascals day nursery on Wednesday, where they hope to hold a Mad Hatter's Tea Party in the courtyard, weather permitting. The Princess Royal has been involved in championing children's welfare, serving as president of Save the Children charity since 1970.

Following this visit, Mid Argyll Community Pool will put on a display of swimming skills by the Mid Argyll Dolphins, something the Princess Royal, a keen sports enthusiast herself, will no doubt appreciate.

A spokesperson for Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool (MACPool) said: 'We are delighted to wel-



Her Royal Highness, pictured during a previous visit to Argyll, will visit Lochgilphead.

come Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal to Lochgilphead during the community pool's 20th anniversary year.

'MACPool enjoys 26,000 admissions annually and is one of a very small number of leisure facilities avail-

able to the Mid Argyll community.'

Another fitting stop will be in her duties as patron of Citizens Advice Scotland when she will meet members of Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau in Lochgilphead, who will talk about their Armed

## Malawi fundraiser success

**LOCHGILPHEAD** coffee lovers dug deep last Saturday to raise more than £700 for Lochgilphead Parish Church's Malawi fund, where severe drought has led to widespread crop failure this year. Pictured are some of the ladies who helped at the event, held in Lochgilphead Parish Church Hall, along with the Rev Hilda Smith.

Services Advice Project (ASAP) before the Princess Royal meets some of the volunteer advisers and finds out about other aspects of their work.

There will be a reception for guests where the Princess Royal will make a short speech about patronage of Citizens Advice Scotland, and the work of ABCAB, and will present certificates to the newly-qualified volunteer advisers.

### GRADUATIONS



**CAMERON ALEXANDER WILLIS**

Cameron Alexander Willis graduated recently from Edinburgh Napier University with a B.A. (Hons) degree in Journalism.

Cameron is the middle son of Val and Jackie Willis, Carradale and Campbeltown, and we wish him continued success in his chosen career path.



**JAMIE ROBERT MCKINLAY**

Jamie Robert McKinlay graduated from the University of Glasgow, on 30 June 2016, with a BSc (Hons) in Pharmacology. Jamie is the son of Alistair and Kate McKinlay, Balure Croft, and is a former pupil of Rhunahaorine School and Tarbert Academy. Jamie is now employed by Kyowa Kirin in Glasgow as a Medical Representative.

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# Kirk to host music day for Romania

A MUSICAL afternoon promising music with 'heart and substance and message' will aim to raise funds for Romania.

Tomorrow (Saturday September 3) Alex Macdonald and his band play at a special fundraising event in Tarbert Free Kirk.

A kirk spokesperson said: 'It is great to have the band play at our fundraiser.'

'Calum McDonald of Runrig described their A9 album as "Real music of heart and substance and message".'

'It was hoped to have the band's appear-

ance coincide with the music festival in Tarbert but that was not possible.

'Entry is free but all donations will go in support of the work of Something for Romania.'

'We also hope to see good support from the wider Mid Argyll community.'

Something for Romania, a charity which helps to provide palliative care in the east European country, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and will be sponsoring a seminar and conference for healthcare

professionals pioneering the provision of palliative care in Cluj, Romania.

The week-long event is in association with Diakonia, a Romanian organisation working under the auspices of the Hungarian Reformed Church.

From September 12-16, Joy Elliott, the patient and family support coordinator at Accord Hospice in Paisley, along with Reverend Robert Macleod, minister at Lochgilphead and Tarbert and part-time chaplain at the Lorn and Islands Hospital in Oban, will



This will be the second time Joy Elliott and Rev Macleod will have led the conference.

facilitate the five-day event in the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Conference Centre in the heart of Cluj, where the theme will be grief, loss and spirituality.

The kirk spokesperson added: 'This will

be their second time leading such a seminar. The beautiful conference facilities will again be donated by the professor of the medical facility and a past dean of the university.

'The expected delegates of doctors, social

workers, nurses and chaplains will come from throughout Romania.'

'It will be a week spent with healthcare professionals hungry to learn and develop skills along with good practice in palliative care, which in Romania is still pioneering work. Joy Elliot described it as life-changing on her previous visit in 2014.'

'Despite many significant developments to its political, economic and healthcare system since the revolution in 1989, there remains widespread inequalities within Romania.'

'Not that long ago it was estimated that around 90 per cent of cancer patients died at home with 15 per cent treated with narcotic drugs and around 50 per cent suffering unrelieved pain.'

'It is having witnessed some of these statistics that made Mr Lachlan Macleod, founder of Something for Romania, both passionate and driven about supporting the development of palliative care and other work that addresses care for the elderly, youth, education and discrimination.'

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## Diversity is the key says Bell Ingram

THE news that current farm subsidies will continue for a further four years has given farmers and landowners a window in which to mitigate the expected significant reduction in farm subsidies, says Bell Ingram.

While the Brexit negotiations do not augur well for a farming system that is predi-

cated upon subsidies, it would seem likely that in upland areas such as Argyll any future payments to farmers and landowners will be in the form of grants for conservation.

It is against this background that Bell Ingram is working with a number of clients on plans to diversify away from agriculture

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The renewable energy sector has benefited from significant subsidies and Bell Ingram has been working with clients on hydro and

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The private rented sector continues to show strong demands, although rental growth is somewhat static on the West Coast.

There has also been an upturn in the demand for mobile phone mast sites, with several negotiations ongoing.

In these and in many other areas, Bell Ingram is working with clients to develop a coherent strategy and would be delighted to discuss ideas with clients both old and new.

### GRADUATION



DANIEL COMER

Daniel Comer recently graduated from Ulster University with a BSc (Hons) in Business Administration. He is the son of Greg and Gillian Comer, Co Donegal, Ireland, the grandson of Bob and Dorothy Tait, Kilgour, Machrihanish and the great grandson of the late Ted and Jessie Lewis, Drumlemble. Daniel is continuing his professional training in Chartered Accountancy.



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# Argyll Enterprise Week update...

31 Oct - 04 Nov 2016

## Book your place

THE timetable for the first Argyll Enterprise Week has just been announced and the event is now open for bookings.

Argyll Enterprise Week is an exciting new event, bringing together businesses, social enterprises, entrepreneurs and anyone with an interest in enterprise.

The week, which is being hosted by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and Argyll and Bute Council's Business Gateway, is packed with opportunities designed to inform, connect and inspire those taking part.

A wide range of free workshops, seminars, briefings, networking sessions and exhibitions are on offer between Monday October 31 and Friday November 4 in Oban, and with more than 25 partners involved and nearly 30 events taking place within the week, there should be something for everyone.

Key themes include funding sources, business support, exporting, digital, social enterprise, tourism, creative industries and food and drink.

Councillor Aileen Morton, policy lead for sustainable economic growth, explains: 'We are keen to encourage existing businesses and attract new ones to Argyll and Bute. The number and variety of events on offer within Argyll Enterprise Week demonstrates the strength of the support available to businesses in Argyll and Bute to help them realise their goals and ambitions.'

One of the keys to addressing the population and demographic challenges facing Argyll and the Islands is to have a vibrant, successful enterprise community providing world-class goods and services regionally, nationally and internationally.

David Smart, head of special projects for Highland and Islands Enterprise, says: 'Argyll and the Islands is already home to some truly outstand-



David Smart of HIE with Argyll-based entrepreneur Sam Coley.

ing organisations. To build on this, Argyll Enterprise Week aims to share some of these success stories and to strengthen networks and relationships to drive new thinking and collaborations.

'This is the first time that an event of this scale has been undertaken in Argyll and the Islands and I am excited about its potential to effect real positive change.'

For more information on the activities during Argyll Enterprise Week and to book a place at any of events, visit [www.argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.argyllenterpriseweek.eventbrite.co.uk).

Booking is quick and easy – just click on the 'Register now' box, select the events you want to attend, click 'Checkout' and then enter your contact details.

Alternatively, call the Business Gateway team on 01546 604555.

One of the partners for Argyll Enterprise Week, Scottish EDGE is a private community interest company that offers funding and support to help entrepreneurs grow their businesses.

CEO Evelyn McDonald said: 'Scottish EDGE is delighted to be part of Argyll Enterprise Week and join a fantastic group of support organisations dedicated to supporting small businesses in Argyll.'

'We're hoping to encourage entrepreneurs in Argyll and Bute to find out how they can access the funding on offer from Scottish EDGE and to hear from previous winners.'

Originally run by Scottish Enterprise, Scottish EDGE is a competition aimed at identifying and supporting Scotland's up-and-coming, innovative, high-growth potential entrepreneurial talent. Businesses have to pitch to a panel of judges and the ones that demonstrate the most potential win a grant or loan to help them deliver their growth plans.

The competition has four categories; the main Scottish EDGE competition, where a business can win up to £100,000 as a 50:50 mix of grant and loans, Young EDGE, the dedicated application route for entrepreneurs age 18 to 30 and Wild Card EDGE aimed at pre-trading companies – up to £10,000 is available in each of these categories. In addition,



Evelyn McDonald, CEO, Scottish EDGE

two prizes of £150,000 or £100,000 are available in the science, technology and engineering category – Higgs EDGE.

The total prize fund is £1.3 million.

In addition to the financial awards, all EDGE winners are provided with a package of support from business experts, including a business mentor, to help their business grow.

## Daily guide to Argyll Enterprise Week

**Monday:** Launch event featuring key speakers from across the political, private and public sector involved in supporting business growth, including an address by Nicholas Ferguson CBE, chairman of the Argyll and Bute Economic Forum, plus a showcase of Highlands and Islands Enterprise and council initiatives supporting economic growth.

**Tuesday:** Funding seminars from SJ

Noble Trust, Growth Deck, Developing Strathclyde Business Finance Ltd, Scottish EDGE, Argyll and the Islands LEADER and Argyll and Bute Council, as well as 'A Day with The Angels' – Investing Women Angels Ltd.

**Wednesday:** Business support Trade Fair; taster sessions outlining the support available for exporting, manufacturing, intellectual assets, digital and customer care training; workshops on

*Cyber Security and Movies on Mobiles;* women in business discussion panel and networking event, as well as social enterprise film festival and question time panel.

**Thursday:** Social enterprise day co-ordinated by InspirAlba, featuring networking, plus workshops and dragons' den, plus workshops on *National Food and Drink Strategy Refresh* and *Market Insights and Consumer*

*Trends* from Scotland Food and Drink, plus Supplier Development Programme procurement workshop.

**Friday:** Talks and one-to-one discussions with industry experts from Creative Scotland, ThinkSync Music and the XpoNorth organisers; Craft Scotland workshop; Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative's *Adventure Tourism* workshop; *The Oban Times*-sponsored speed networking event.

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**House building figures and research 'clearest indication government must act'**

*As the government's latest house building figures show an increase in new starts but a drop in completions, CIH deputy chief executive Gavin Smart says the government must act in the Autumn Statement.*

Gavin Smart, deputy chief executive of the Chartered Institute of Housing, said: 'The government's latest house building figures confirm there is still a lot to do to meet the level of supply we need. 'It's an encouraging

sign that the number of new starts is up, but we are still not building anywhere near the homes we need and with every passing quarter the target of a million new homes in the lifetime of this Parliament becomes harder to achieve.

'In recent weeks research has shown us that home ownership is at a 30-year low, private renting is at a 40-year high and homelessness continues to steadily rise. 'The latest house building figures, taken together with research

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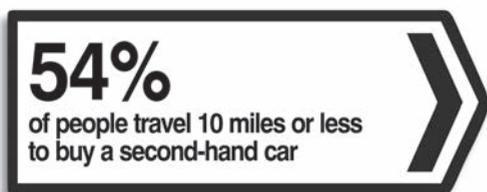
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## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT'S THE first time I have heard a didgeridoo played on the beach at A'Chleit.

We enjoyed our messy church barbecue in the most perfect of days and the young people took to the sea like dolphins.

We had a camp fire for toasting marshmallows, a barbecue with sausages sizzling in the afternoon sun, mouth-watering meringues with cream and little popsicle cakes for afters.

Laughter and fun intermingled with games and music and we were a great happy family.

However, our bagpipe-playing youngsters were challenged by a different skill required to even get a sound out of the didgeridoo.

Scott, our lovely friend from Australia, demonstrated how to make the call of the kookaburra bird. He made it look so easy.

Some of us couldn't even manage a note. I loved the fact that the kookaburra is known as the 'laughing bird', for there was much laughter on the beach last Sunday.

The children dipped in and out of the sea, splashed each other with buckets of water, buried each other in the sand and generally had a great time.

One lovely moment was when little Alec, aged two, sat down and found a frisbee which made a perfect plate for his cake.

We sang silly songs and funny songs, had a treasure hunt and a made sand castles.

We were so blessed with perfect weather.

We finished by using the parachute to think of Psalm 139 which tells us that God is with us wherever we are, and is with us in whatever we are doing – even if it is trying to master the didgeridoo.

How good these times are in our church family life and hopefully our young folk will remember and treasure these memories too.

The church stood above us on the rock, and I thought how good it was to have a new expression of church alongside.

## INVERARAY

# Toil in the soil rewarded at Argyll Caravan Park



**Mr and Mrs Dickinson, two of the winning pairs in the Quebec area of Argyll Caravan Park Gardens.** c36gardenawards01no

SEASONED gardeners saw their hard work bear fruit after winning prizes at Argyll Caravan Park garden awards.

At a presentation held last Saturday, three winners were chosen for each area of the park, with prizes

on offer such as a bottle of whisky and a plaque, presented to the winners by His Grace The Duke of Argyll, who thanked all winners for their continued hard work on their gardens.

Winners were: Quebec area – Mr and

Mrs Kidd, Mr and Mrs Hendry and Mr and Mrs Dickinson; New Shore area: Mr and Mrs Robinson, Mr and Mrs Gillespie and Mr and Mrs Cunningham; DAC area: Mr and Mrs Gowans, Mr Doolan and Ms Dunsmore.

## TARBERT

# White Shore work day beckons

KINTYRE and Mid Argyll residents who enjoy the area's walks can help recreate another, by volunteering at a coastal trail work-day.

Work continues on Tarbert's White Shore Path tomorrow (Saturday) as part of the walking trail's ongoing repairs.

Alan Macdonald, Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust director, said: 'We are hoping for a good turnout. So far we are delighted with the work done by everyone to look after the path.'

'There is a lot of work to be done such

as piping and emptying sand bags filled with chipping for the path, but many hands make light work and a strong turnout will make a huge differ-

ence. In the meantime, anyone looking for a nice walk with some extra exercise is welcome to move as many bags as they can up to the head of the beach.'



**Tomorrow's work day will see volunteers help repair the White Shore Path.**

## COWAL

# Egg-cellent finds in Cowal's outdoors

BENMORE Botanic Garden in Cowal was awash with plant and animal life late last month when more than 700 wild species were found over a two-day period.

Catalogued during the Benmore BioBlitz, wet weather kept the number of flying insects down, but the 20 expert recorders still managed an incredible feat.

Most abundant were flowering plants, with 185 species, but bryophytes (mosses and their allies) came a close second with 172

species, 122 fungi species discovered, with 68 moths and 32 bird species recorded.

One of four gardens involved in the BioBlitz project, the Benmore instalment beat those records elsewhere – the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh with 556 species found; Dawyck with 561 species; and Logan, with 360 species.



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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep' (John 10:11).

**BIRTHS**

**MACCORQUODALE** - At the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Belfast, on July 25, 2016, to Neil and Paula (née Maitland), a daughter, Isla Grace, first grandchild for Angus and Sheena, Lochgilthead.

**DEATHS**

**CAMERON** - On August 24, 2016, peacefully at Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilthead, Gregor Finlay Cameron, in his 70th year, beloved husband of Mary Kennedy, much loved father of Nicola, Finlay, Gregor and Daniel, dear father-in-law of Keith, Mandy and Kirsty, and a dearly loved papa of Caitlin, Sarah, Finlay, Kristian, Douglas, Isobel and Daisy. A much respected friend and former work colleague. Sadly missed by all his family. Funeral service was held at Glenorchy Parish Church, Dalnally, on September 1, interment thereafter at Glenorchy Cemetery.

**MACKAY** - Suddenly, at the Mid Argyll Hospital, on August 22, 2016, Anne MacKay, aged 74 years, of 9 Rowan Park, Lochgilthead, daughter of the late Donnie and Lettie MacKay of Scourie, dear mother of Alison and Joseph, much loved sister of Sandra, Sheila and Donald, cherished auntie of Donald, Ann, Angela and Colin, much respected sister-in-law of Ian and James and a much loved great auntie of Sian, Sienna, Kyle and Kian. A dear friend, neighbour and former work colleague to many. Funeral service was held at St Margaret's Church, Lochgilthead, on Monday, August 29, 2016, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery.

**MACLEOD** - Catherine Sutherland Macleod (née Maclean). Much loved wife of the late Murdo and beloved mother of Kirsten, Fiona and Iain, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on August 23, 2016. The service was held at Kilchrenan Parish Church on Wednesday, August 31. Donations to Marie Curie welcome.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**CAMERON** - Rob, Lill, Dave and Michelle wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy by way of cards, letters and telephone calls since the sad loss of our mum, Elizabeth, on August 7, 2016. Special thanks to staff of Lynn of Lorne for their care and compassion, Rev George Cringles for conducting a most comforting service and others who assisted at Kilniver Church and Cemetery. Thanks also to Knipoch Hotel, Hamish Hoey and Sons and those who attended the service and generously gave to the retail collection which will be donated to Lynn of Lorne Care Home.

**MACCALLUM** - Friends of the late Jean MacCallum wish to thank the community nurses and carers, whose constant care and attention made her last few years comfortable and happy. Special thanks to Isobel Mitchell and Janette Watters, whose unfailing support and friendship were much appreciated by Jean. We are also grateful to the Reverend William Crossan for a moving tribute to Jean, and to TA Blair Ltd for their sympathetic funeral direction. In accordance with Jean's wishes, three animal charities will benefit from her estate.

**MCKERRAL** - The McKerral and Hadley families of the late Martha J McKerral would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards and kindness on their recent loss. They would also like to thank Carr Gomm carers and hospital staff for their kind attention to Martha, and Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for their professional service. Finally, thank you to Captain Ben Russell of the Salvation Army for his spiritual comfort. Donations for the local Salvation Army raised £147.

**MUNRO** - Ella and family would like to express their sincerest thanks to everyone who attended the service and graveside and to all the thoughtful people who phoned and sent cards and flowers following the sudden passing of Ian. Special thanks to Rev S Fulcher for the comforting service and to David McEwan for the beautiful music. Thanks also to Frances and staff at Muneroy for their hospitality. Ella and family would also like to extend their gratitude to Dr Anderson and paramedics, Gus and Lorne, for their kindness shown; also to the community nurses and staff at Southend Surgery for their care given to Ian over the last eighteen months. Finally, thank you to Alasdair, Kenneth and Rhys Blair for the professional service provided in such a dignified manner.

**PEARSON** - Anne and family would like to thank relatives and friends for flowers, cards and letters of sympathy following the sudden loss of Andy. Our thanks to those who paid their respects at the Greenock Crematorium and contributed to the collection for Alzheimers Research, which raised £550.

**SMITH** - The family of the late Morven Smith would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the Tarbert Soup Group and close neighbours for all the kindness shown, thanks also to doctors and staff at Lorn and Islands Hospital for kind care and attention, to Rev Robert Macleod for his visits and comforting service, to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for dignified and professional services, to the Anchor Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside. The donations raised £335 for Tarbert Free Church.

**IN MEMORIAMS**

**GODDARD** - Beautiful memories of our darling niece and cousin, Agnes (Robertson), who was taken from us on

September 6, 1999. Agnes, if we could build a stairway. We would build it with loving chains. We would build that stair to Heaven. And bring you home again.

- Auntie Sandra, Uncle Andy and Harrison cousins xxxxxxxx.  
**MACFARLANE** - Treasured memories of Joe, a much loved husband, dad and granddad, who died September 6, 2014. Always in our hearts you'll stay, Loved and remembered every day.  
- Inserted by Cath and family.

**MACINTYRE** - In loving memory of our darling parents, Angus, who passed away on September 4, 2015, and Mary, August 31, 2014. Don't weep at our grave for we are not there In God's gentle arms we wait for you here. - Your loving children, Marie, Neil, Neil Jnr and Sophia, Mags, Peter, Victoria and Argyll. Forever in our thoughts and hearts xxx.

**MACLENNAN, MBE** - Treasured memories of our adored dad and father-in-law, Murdo, died September 1, 2013. You had a nature you could not help loving. And a heart that was purer than gold. And to those who knew you and loved you. Your memory will never grow old. - Missed and loved always, your loving family. See you later, Dad xx. Precious memories of our loving grampa, keep the biscuit jar full, Grampa.  
- Love your grandchildren xx.

**MCGOUGAN** - Alice, who passed away September 2, 2014. Though her smile is gone forever, And her hand we cannot touch, Her memory is our keepsake, With which we will never part, God has her in his keeping, We have her in our heart.  
- Sorely missed by her loving husband, Stewart.

**MCGOUGAN** - In loving memory of our mum and granny, Alice, who passed away September 2, 2014. A silent thought, a secret tear, Keeps your memory ever dear. God took you home, it was his will, But in our hearts you live still. - Heather and Norman.  
If tears could build a stairway, And memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven, And bring you home again.  
- Iona, Norman-James and Erin.

**MCGOUGAN** - In loving memory of a dear mother, granny and great granny, Alice, died September 2, 2014. Never forgotten.  
- Stewart, Heather, Kerry, Louise and Harvey.

**MUIR** - Happy memories of our dear brother, Jim, died August 20, 2011. Remembered with a smile.  
- Love always, Jean, Jessie and family.

**ROBERTSON** - In loving memory of a dear dad, father-in-law and granda, Robert (Bertie), who passed away on September 3, 2015. Loved and remembered every day. Sadly missed. - Roberta, James, Jamie and Darren.

**ROBERTSON** - Robert (Bertie). In loving memory of our much loved dad and granda, died September 3, 2015. One year has passed since you went away, In our hearts you will always stay. - Janice and Kev. Dearly loved and sorely missed.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**KINTYRE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
Meeting to be held on  
**Friday 2nd September**  
(Please note change of original date) at 7.30pm in Lorne & Lowland Church Hall, Campbeltown  
Guest speaker: Rev Angus Morrison from Central Baptist Church, Dundee  
Tea/coffee served after the meeting  
**Everyone most welcome.**

**SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**Sunday 4th September 2016**  
Skipness Service 10.00am  
Tarbert Service 11.30am  
Mrs Angela Stather  
Music for a Summer Afternoon  
Skipness Church  
Sunday 4th September  
2pm - 5pm  
Contact Rev. Hilda Smith, Interim Moderator on 07826 235735  
**Everyone very welcome**  
Tarbert & Kilberry SC002622  
Skipness SC004280

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND WEST LOCHFYNESIDE**  
**Sunday 4th September 2016**  
Cumlodden Lochfyneside and Lochgair  
Charity No. SC016097  
Minister: Rev. Dr. Roderick D. M. Campbell  
Communion Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am  
**Glenaray and Inveraray**  
Charity No. SC016665  
Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am  
**ALL WELCOME**

**LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN**  
**Saturday 3rd September 2016**  
Prayer Gathering 9.15am for 9.30am (finish 12.00 approx)  
**Sunday 4th September 2016**  
11.00am  
Worship Service for all ages followed by a light lunch  
Speaker - Graham McLean  
'One thing needful'  
**Tuesday 6th September 2016**  
7.30pm  
Prayer, Word and Sharing  
**All Welcome**

**lochgilthead baptist church**  
Pastor Derek Gibson  
**All Welcome**  
**Sunday 4th September 2016**  
Morning Service 11am  
**Friday**  
Jumpstart  
From 10am  
Scottish Charity SC015187

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**  
Sunday 4th September  
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Services in Achaboish at 9:45am (including the Lord's Supper) and Ardrishaig at 11:00am

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**3rd Sunday of the month**  
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**ALL SAINTS, INVERARAY**  
Holy Mass Sunday 12.30pm  
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Saturday 5pm Fr. David Connor  
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**All Welcome (SC0002876)**

**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**  
Charity Number SC001002  
**Sunday 4 September**  
Inverlussa Church  
Morning Worship 11:30 am  
Rev. C. Acklam  
**Saturday 3 September**  
CAFE CONNECT 10:30 am  
Achnamara Hall  
**Monday 5 September**  
Tayvallich Church  
Prayer time 10:30 am  
**Thursday 8 September**  
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**Sunday 4th September**  
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**Argyll Street, Campbeltown**  
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**Sunday 4th September**  
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**Wednesday 7th September**  
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Community Centre, Lochgilthead  
**All Believers Welcome**

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GLASSARY KILMARTIN and FORD PARISH CHURCH**  
**Sunday Worship**  
Sunday 4th September 2016  
Communion Service  
Ford 10.00am  
All welcome  
SC0 02121

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**Sunday 4th September 2016**  
The service will be conducted by Rev William Crossan and will be held in the Kirk St Hall at 11.15 am  
All are welcome to come along

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**Thursday**  
7.30pm Bible Study  
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All welcome

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**Sunday 4 September 2016**  
11.00am Family Communion Service  
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**Wednesday**  
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Joining in fellowship with Campbeltown Free Church for Prayer and Bible Study  
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# Fab four's European rally

A CAIRNBAAN man and three pals sped across Europe this summer to take part in a fundraising rally.

Featuring Cairnbaan's Martin Arnold, along with Perthshire trio David Robertson, Iain Appleby and Scott Shaw, the Two Ball Banger Rally saw the group drive from Scotland through nine countries across Europe in four days, finishing in the southern French city of Nice, to raise money for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

Martin's team, Caledonian Kings, updated their followers on Facebook after completing the rally: 'Well after 3,449 miles all of us and the car are back after the rally.

'We have all had

a brilliant time and would do it all again. Thanks again to our sponsors and to everyone who has donated, and to the other teams for making it a great trip that we won't forget in hurry!

'For those who wanted to but haven't had the chance yet, the group's Justgiving page will be open until the end of September.

'We aim to raise as much as possible for our chosen charity, Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance. To donate visit [www.justgiving.com/Caledonian-Kings](http://www.justgiving.com/Caledonian-Kings).'

The feat was achieved in a factory-fresh, 10-owner 1996 Honda Accord. It is 20 years old and has covered 186,000 miles – almost the distance to the moon.



**Martin Arnold and friends fresh from covering more than 3,000 miles in their battle-hardened Honda Accord. Right, the car that made it possible alongside a Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.**



**Modelling the new jackets in club colours are, left to right, Craig Bruce, Colin MacInnes, Bob Martin, Dougie Philand and Donald Crawford. 06\_a35bowl505**



**Pairs winners Robert Scott and Sandy Crawford, with the James McKerlie Rosebowl.**

## Lotto results

INVERARAY Shinty Club's winning lottery numbers from its draw on Monday August 29 were 4, 7 and 17.

There were no winning tickets so the jackpot next week will be £300.

Kilmory Camanachd Club lottery also saw no winners on Monday, when the numbers drawn were 6, 16 and 20. The jackpot for Monday's draw rises to £200.

## Open pairs competition

AROUND 50 bowlers travelled recently to Lochgilhead from clubs as far afield as Clydebank, Campbeltown and Oban.

The annual Lochgilhead Bowling Club

pairs championship, held on August 21, was contested by four very competitive sections with six pairs in each.

The handsome James McKerlie Rosebowl

was won by local pair Robert Scott and Sandy Crawford, who defeated club colleagues Douglas Philand and Donald Crawford in the final.

Lochgilhead Bowl-

ing Club was also delighted to unveil brand new club jackets, kindly sponsored by Duncan Hunter joinery, and the club would like to thank the firm's owner, Shaun Campbell.

## Star draw a blank

### Lochgilhead Red Star 0, Houston 0

Red Star hosted Houston United in the league last Saturday looking to build on their 9-0 win the previous week but were forced to accept a point in a tough contest.

The visitors' bus was late so it was Star who looked sharper in the early stages, the Houston defence struggling to cope with the pace of Peacock and Keen.

Peacock went close with a couple of efforts that hit the side netting, before his best attempt which was well saved at close range.

Star continued to probe but were playing against a well-drilled and physical defence, and chances were hard to come by.

Houston's best effort of the half came from a long-range effort which was touched onto the crossbar by Kalache, Star's towering Australian keeper at full stretch.

The home side were dealt a blow in the first half as Peacock was carried off after suffering what looks like a hamstring injury that could keep him out for a few weeks.

Into the second half, Houston enjoyed their best spell of the match as they forced a succession of corners but the Star defence were well organised and the visitors were not able to force Kalache into any more heroics.

The Lochgilhead side looked the fresher as the match wore on and seemed the more likely to grab a winner with K Moore going closest.

Despite their disappointment, Star will be pleased to keep their second clean sheet in a row as the back four of A Weir, Naisby, Provan and C Crawford continue to gel well in the early part of the season.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Red Star travel to Milton of Colqhoun.

# Inveraray in Macaulay Cup final

ONE OF shinty's show-piece occasions takes place at Mossfield in Oban this coming weekend as Inveraray and Kinlochshiel meet in the Artemis Macaulay Cup Final on Saturday September 3.

Inveraray may be playing in shinty's second tier but this is their second final of the season. They lost out to Kyles Athletic in the Gregor Cameron Consultancy Glasgow Celtic Society Cup final and they have been preparing hard for this encounter. Euan McMurdo's return to the squad, after missing the earlier part of the season, is a boost to team player/manager Ruaridh Graham's selection options.

Captain Allan MacDonald is now free of suspension and will likely lead the attack.

However, Lewis Montgomery is out after suffering a hand injury whilst representing the South U21 against their North coun-

ter-parts last weekend.

Kinlochshiel will be taking part in their first senior final. Their main absentee is former Beaulieu defender Conor Cormack who is out with a hand injury. The main selection choice for manager Colin Fraser will surround who takes Cormack's place.

Calum MacLean and John Don MacKenzie are both options as is pulling Finlay MacRae back from full centre into the back line. 'Shiel are captained by David Falconer.

Kinlochshiel's second place sitting in the Marine Harvest Premiership means they will go into the final as favourites. However Inveraray are the ones with the cup final experience and they will be ready to take advantage if the west coast side are not at their best.

Throw up at Mossfield is at 2pm and Evan MacRae is the match referee.

The match will be broadcast live on BBC2 Scotland from 1.45pm.

## Caol Cup

South U21 1  
North U21 3

The North recovered from losing an early goal to beat the South 3-1 in their 2pm throw up at Jubilee Park.

With Scotland U21 manager Allan MacRae taking a keen interest, the South were managed by Ian MacDonald and, with Calum McLeod unavailable, Lovat defender Drew Howie looked after the North squad.

The South got off to a great start when Daniel MacVicar put them ahead after just a couple of minutes.

MacVicar capitalised on a slip in the home defence to crash a backhand shot into the roof of the net to make it 1-0.

The closest the North came to a first half leveller was a Charlie MacDonald strike which came back off

the crossbar. The second half was just 10 minutes old when Craig Morrison pulled the North level. Morrison was first to react to a rebound and he just managed to tap the ball home to make it 1-1.

Two goals from Charlie MacDonald late in the match gave the North the win.

MacDonald put the North ahead for the first time in the match on 77 minutes when he got onto a cut-back to send a low backhand drive into the net to make it 2-1.

Inverness forward MacDonald sealed the win on 81 minutes to ensure the North retained the Caol Cup.

Inveraray's Lewis Montgomery suffered a hand injury in the match which could rule him out for the rest of the season.

North U21 captain Michael MacKenzie was presented with the Caol Cup by Camanachd Association director Keith Loades.

## W J Cameron Cup Final

Lovat U17 3  
Inveraray U17 1

Lovat U17 lifted the W J Cameron trophy with a 3-1 win over Inveraray in their 11am throw up at the Jubilee Park, Ballachulish.

This competition is for development clubs and it was played 10-a-side on a full pitch.

Lovat went in front on 39 minutes when Cameron MacMillan was first onto a rebound after a Mitchel Leslie shot was saved by the Inveraray keeper. MacMillan, who had been an injury doubt before the match, sent a low back-hand drive into the bottom corner of the net to make it 1-0.

Scott MacKenzie made it 2-0 on 43 minutes when he hit a long ball into the area from the half way line.

The ball took a bad bounce, deceiving the keeper, and ended in



The Inveraray youngsters pictured after the W J Cameron Cup final at Ballachulish.

Photo: Neil Paterson

the back of the net.

Lovat added a third on 65 minutes when the ball came in from the right wing and Cameron MacMillan played in young Joe Embleton, who slipped the ball wide to Ruaridh Buchan and he finished off the move with a low shot into the net from a tight angle.

Campbell Watt gave Inveraray some consolation when he made it 3-1 on 68 minutes but it was Lovat's day and their captain Cameron MacMillan was presented with the WJ

Cameron trophy.

Des McNulty was the match referee.

## Friendly Match

Oban Celtic 2  
Kilmory 3

Oban Celtic and Kilmory, both riding high in their respective divisions, played a friendly match at Ganavan.

The game finished 3-2 in Kilmory's favour. Kilmory's scorers were Alex Cunningham twice and Hal Jones. Daniel MacMillan and Kenny Wotherpoon netted for Celtic.

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# Danny's boys edge to victory

FOUR TEAMS all finished with the same score in one of the tightest competitions on the Kintyre golf circuit this season.

Taking place last Saturday, a total of 11 teams took part in the Tarbert Hotel-sponsored Am-Am, with players from Carradale, Lochgilphead and Dunaverty joining eight local fours.

Both overhead and underfoot conditions were near perfect, allowing no excuses for poor scoring.

Early starters were the Lochgilphead team marshalled by club

captain Ryan McGlynn, who posted a respectable 53 to take the clubhouse lead.

Local team 'The Magic 2s' comprised of S Ferguson, F Johnstone, J Hardie and M McAlpine returned a superb 50 to become the new leaders.

### Three Eagles

They were joined on 50 by 'Three Eagles and a Birdie' comprised of M MacIver, M Davis, L Mathieson and I Johnstone jnr.

The third team to finish with 50 were 'The Forestry Joiners' with E McDougall, B Baird, B McLean and

P McLean making up the team.

The last team in were 'Danny's boys', R MacDonald, JS MacNab, JF MacNab and B MacNab who had also shot 50.

Club captain Keith McTaggart had his work cut out to calculate the winners, with 'Danny's boys' taking top spot virtue of scoring the lowest back nine with 23.

'The Forestry Joiners' came in second by virtue of the best last six holes, ahead of 'The Magic 2s' in third.

The clubhouse was packed to the rafters



Prize-winners from Tarbert Golf Club's Am-Am.

for the presentation, carried out by captain McTaggart and Scott from the Tarbert Hotel. The captain thanked

Scott for his sponsorship and all the teams for taking part, especially those that had travelled.

This Saturday sees the Lamont-MacKenzie trophy take place. All proceeds will go to the Mitchell Johnstone fund. Members are asked to report for duty at 10.30am, with tees scheduled for 11am.



Winners from left to right: Gregor McGeachy, Alex MacAulay, Ruan McKellar, Ryan McGlynn, Colin Penman. Morvern Murray. Donna McKellar and Ali Cupples. c36lochtxas01no

## Champions retain trophy

NINE teams of three competed in Lochgilphead Golf Club's second fun Texas scramble of the season.

Followed by a light supper and presentation the winners were, with a net 21, the defending champions Ruan McKellar and Ryan McGlynn with Colin Penman stepping in to replace Ele Hunter who unfortunately could not play.

Runners-up were Kern McKellar, Robbie Wilson and Donna McKellar with a net 23. Nearest the pin at the ninth was junior

Ali Cupples, ladies Morven Murray and gent Alex McAulay. Longest drive at the first was junior player Gregor McGeachy, ladies Donna McKellar along with Ryan McGlynn.

Meanwhile, the juniors competed in a nine-hole stableford, where the winner was Murray McDonald with 15 points, closely followed by Andrew Innis on 14 points.

The next competition will be the District Cup today (Friday) at 4.30pm.

The ladies played

for the silver pendant, which was won by Kathleen Young with a net 64. Jane Hepburn was in second place with a net 75 and Margaret MacKinnon was in third place with a net 80.

The gents played over two days for the Centenary Cup, leading on both days and overall winner was Rhuaridh Brown, with a net 117 for the two rounds. Runner-up was Alex MacAulay with a net 123 over the two days' play and in third place was Grant McDougall with a net 128.

## Argyll riders compete at Blair

THREE members of the Argyll Riding Club made the long journey to Blair Horse Trials at Blair Atholl Castle in Perthshire during the August bank holiday weekend.

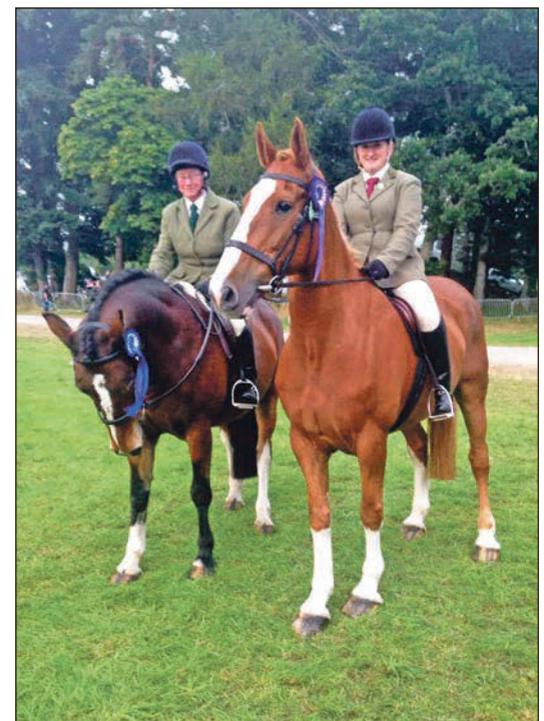
### Jumped well

Roanna Clark and Hero, from Kilmelford, had qualified for the Courier Working Hunter Class and jumped well in the competition but, alas, were not in the final ribbons.

Liz MacNab from Tarbert on Authentic Swing was awarded second place and

jumped clear in the BRC-style jumping on the Friday morning.

In the same class, Kintyre rider Sarah Bateman had also qualified to compete on Hunter Thursday at Blair on her home-bred horse Kangaroo Jack, and Sarah returned to Southend with a sixth place rosette from the Riding Club Horse Class. A riding club spokesperson said: 'All three riders returned home tired but happy, and will all benefit from the experience.'



Liz MacNab, left, from Tarbert and Southend's Sarah Bateman.



Roanna Clark from Kilmelford on Hero jumped well in her final round.

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